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Sir:

In order to fulfill the requirements of candor and good faith set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants submit herewith the following Information Disclosure Statement in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98.

Attached hereto is Form PTO-1449 listing references which may be considered material in evaluating the patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

As this Statement is being filed before the first Office Action, it is believed to be timely in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(1), and accordingly no fee is due.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments relating to the present application, he or she is respectfully invited to contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,

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